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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED REVISION OF SECTION 29, FAA

REF: (A) BANGKOK 2691; (B) STATE 46104

1. FAA SECTION 29 DEALING WITH MEDIA ACCESS TO THAI BASES CONTINUES TO BE A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN TO THE RTG. IN THEIR VIEW, AS EXPRESSED TO US BY SUPREME COMMAND AND MFA OFFICERS, IT IS AN INFRINGEMENT OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. IT EXTORTS ACCESS TO US-TENANTED THAI BASES FOR US NEWSMEN BY THREATENING TO WITHHOLD AID IF ACCESS IS DENIED. SINCE THE RTG HAS NOT IN RECENT MONTHS OBSTRUCTED BASE VISITS AND SINCE THE QUESTION OF RTG RESTRICTIONS HAS AT LEAST TEMPORARILY

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BECOME A NON-ISSUE, WE THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE

RIDER WERE ALLOWED TO LAPSE.

2. IF THE PROVISION IS NOT ALLOWED TO LAPSE, WE SUBMIT FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION A REVISION. WHILE CONFORMING TO THE INTENT OF CONGRESS; WE THINK THIS REVISION IS LESS ABRASIVE IN ITS PRESENTATION AND ADDRESSES IN ADDITION A) THAI SOVEREIGNTY AND B) THE FACT THAT WE ARE CONCERNED WITH AMERICAN, NOT THAI, INSTALLATIONS ON THE BASES. THE PROPOSED REVISION WOULD READ:

"ACCESS TO CERTAIN MILITARY BASES ABROAD-SECTION 29"
FUNDS AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED BY THIS ACT
MAY BE USED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ANY FOREIGN
COUNTRY WHICH IS THE SITE OF A MILITARY BASE -

1) WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED OR IS BEING MAINTAINED
OR OPERATED WITH FUNDS FURNISHED BY THE UNITED
STATES; AND

2) FROM WHICH PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES
CARRY OUT MILITARY OPERATIONS;
ONLY IF THE PRESIDENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE GOVERN-
MENT OF SUCH COUNTRY HAS, CONSISTENT WITH ITS
SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY, AUTHORIZED ACCESS ON A
REGULAR BASIS TO BONA FIDE NEWS MEDIA CORRESPONDENTS
OF THE UNITED STATES TO US MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND
FACILITIES ON SUCH BASE".
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